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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

Mississippi River Commission

1. Purpose and Scope. This regulation sets forth the organization of the Mississippi River Commission and defines its mission.
2. Establishment. The Mississippi River Commission was created by the Act of Congress approved 28 June 1879, as amended. (21 Stat. 37, Title 33, USC 641-651).
3. Mission. The Commission under direction of the Secretary of the Army and supervision of the Chief of Engineers:
 - a. Prosecutes the project for flood control for the Mississippi River and its tributaries adopted by the Flood Control Act of 15 May 1928 and subsequent acts amendatory and supplementary thereof.
 - b. Acts to control floods of the Mississippi River in its alluvial valley, and for its improvement from Head of Passes to Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
 - c. Makes improvements for navigation, bank stabilization, and channel rectification of the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Cairo, Illinois, and improvements of certain harbors; and for improvements for navigation of Old and Atachafalaya Rivers from Mississippi River to Morgan City, Louisiana.
 - d. Makes improvements for flood control and major drainage of Bayous Rapides, Boeuf, Cocodrie, LaFourche, Macon, and tributaries; Boeuf and Tensas Rivers and tributaries, Louisiana and Arkansas; Big Sunflower River and Tributaries; Steele Bayou and Deer Creek and tributaries, Mississippi; lower reaches of the Obion and Forked Deer Rivers and tributaries, Tennessee; Cache River and tributaries, Arkansas; L'Anguille River and tributaries, Arkansas; and Grand Prairie region and Bayou Meto Basin, Arkansas.
4. Organization.
 - a. By law the MRC is composed of three officers of the Corps of Engineers (one of whom is designated President), a representative of the US Coast and Geodetic Survey and three civilians, two of whom must be civil engineers. The President of the MRC holds concurrently the position of the Division Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer Division, Lower Mississippi Valley (LMVD).

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b. Authorized operations of the Commission below Cape Girardeau are conducted by the President of the Commission and his staff through the U. S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, Vicksburg and Memphis, within their assigned areas, in accordance with approved directives and programs and Congressional appropriations therefor.

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